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DATE: 27 SEP 74

SUBJECT: BREZHNEV MEETS SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD

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SOVIET PARTY CHIEF BREZHNEV MET TODAY WITH BPRESIDENT ASAD.

WHO ARRIVED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY EN ROUTE TO NORTH KOREA.

TASS REPORTED AN ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY AND FULL MUTUAL "UNDERSTANDING." THIS FORMULATION IMPLIES BLESS THAN COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SUGGESTS THAT BREZHNEV PRESSED ASAD ON SYRIA'S INCREASINGLY CORDIAL DEALINGS WITH THE US.

ASAD DID CONCUR IN AN APPARENT DIG AT US MANAGEMENT OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, CALLING FOR THE "EMARLIEST RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND STATING THAT "DEBLAY...ONLY PLAYS INTO THE HAND OF THE AGEGRESSOR." FOR HIS PART, BREZHNEV REITERATED MOSCOW'S DATE:

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COMMITMENT TO BUILDING UP SYRIAN DEFENSES.

BOTH LEADERS PROBABLY WANTED TO USE THEIR BFIGRST MEETING SINCE APRIL TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE UN DEBATE ON PALESTINE, THE RABIN VISIT TO THE US AND THE POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE BESTHIS FALL.

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